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EUROPEAN AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE
APO 633
US ARMY

P/CHC/os

Wiesbaden, Germany

7 NOV 1946

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces
Washington, 25, D. C.
ATTN: AFPPA-8

1. Enclosed herewith is Missing Air Crew Report of B-17 type aircraft reported missing 1 November 1946, on flight from Naples, Italy to Bovington, England.

2. The following named crew members were assigned to Headquarters, European Air Transport Service, Wiesbaden, Germany, APO 633, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York:

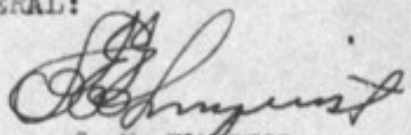
✓ Fair, Ford L.	Colonel	O-17029
✓ Upham, Hudson H.	Colonel	O-19467
✓ Cobb, Lawrence L.	Major	O-24736

3. The aircraft and following named crew members were assigned to Eschborn Army Air Base, Frankfurt, Germany, APO 57, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York:

✓ Ramirez, Alfred D.	2nd Lt.	O-2082524
✓ Gilbert, John E.	M/Sgt	6990531
✓ Dobovich, Zoltan J.	S/Sgt	33835227
✓ Cassell, William S.	T/Sgt	34896920
✓ Hilton, William A.	S/Sgt	38515193

4. Missing crew members listed above are non-battle casualties.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:


C. E. ELMQUIST
Lt. Col. AC
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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1. Missing Air Crew Report.
2. Sketch of area involved.

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9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: Negative
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: Non Battle Casualty
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: CREW: 8, PASSENGERS: 0, TOTAL: 8

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO.	CURRENT STATUS
Command Pilot	4 Fair, Ford Larimore	Colonel	0-17029	missing
Command Pilot	8 Upham, Hudson Hutton	Colonel	0-19467	missing
Co-Pilot	2 Cobb, Lawrence Lofton	Major	0-24736	missing
Navigator	7 Ramirez, Alfred Doroteo	2nd Lt.	0-2082524	missing
Engineer	5 Gilbert, John Edward	M/Sgt.	6990531	missing
Ass't Engineer	6 Hilton, William Allec	S/Sgt.	38515193	missing
Radio Operator	3 Dobovich, Zoltan Joseph	S/Sgt.	33835227	missing
Ass't Radio Operator	Cassell, William Seldon	T/Sgt.	34896920	missing

12. LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT WAS: Take-off at Naples, Italy
13. ARE PERSONNEL BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED: Unknown
14. CHART OF AREA INVOLVED ATTACHED HEREWITH:
15. NO EYEWITNESS OR CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT KNOWN AT THIS TIME.
16. NAME OF OFFICER INCHARGE OF SEARCH:

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION
Goodrich, David W.	Colonel	0-1473	Capodichino Army Air Base, Naples, Italy, APO 790-G, c/o PM. New York, N.Y.

17. DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT OF SEARCH:

The following areas have been under continuous search since the aircraft was reported missing:

Isle of Corsica
Ligurian Sea
Tyrrhenian Sea
Swiss Alps
French Alps
Rhône Valley to Paris (over an area 75 miles wide)
An area 75 miles wide from Paris to Bovingdon.

All available American aircraft in Italy, France, and some aircraft in Germany are conducting the search. Aircraft from RAF are aiding in the search from Bovingdon to Paris. French aircraft are also aiding in the search in Southern France.

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18. REMARKS: At present there are no further remarks. If additional information is received it will be forwarded immediately on supplemental report.

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